

HOUSE BILL 136

By Briley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29,
Chapter 24, relative to defamatory statements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 24, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section thereto:

29-24-106.

An owner or licensee of a web site or web page shall have fifteen (15) days to remove any defamatory statements about a person from such web site or web page; however if the owner or licensee has been given notice that such statements are defamatory then that owner or licensee shall have two (2) days from the date of the notice to remove the statements from the web site or web page, whichever is less. Failure to remove defamatory statements as provided in this section shall create a presumption of malice intent.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.